

Appl. No. 09/977,721
Amdt. Dated August 12, 2004
Reply to Office Action of April 20, 2004

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on April 20, 2004, is acknowledged. Applicants request re-examination of the above-mentioned application in view of the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Applicants have amended claims 1, 29, 37 and 45 in order to correct grammatical errors in the claims.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner directing the claims to the following species: Species 1 as Figure 4-5; Species 2 as Figure 6; Species 3 as Figure 8, 9A-B; Species 4 as Figure 10-11; Species 5 as Figure 12, 13A-B; Species 6 as Figure 14, 15A-B; Species 7 as Figure 16A-B; Species 8 as Figure 17, 18A-B; Species 9 as Figure 19; Species 10 as Figure 20-21; Species 11 as Figure 22-24; Species 12 as Figure 27-28; Species 13 as Figure 29; Species 14 as Figure 30; Species 15 as Figure 31; Species 16 as Figure 32-36; Species 17 as Figure 37; Species 18 as Figure 43-44; Species 19 as Figure 43-44; Species 20 as Figure 45-46; Species 21 as Figure 47-48; Species 22 as Figure 49, 50, 51A-B; Species 23 as Figure 52-53; Species 24 as Figure 54-55; Species 25 as Figure 56-60; Species 26 as Figure 61-62; and Species 27 as Figure 63. Applicants believe that Species 1 would include Figures 1-5. Figures 1-3 depict views of a recreational vehicle with a slide out room. Figures 4-5 depict an embodiment of a latching mechanism for latching a portion of the slide out room in the collapsed position.

Applicants hereby request for prosecution Species 1, that is, Figures 1-5. Applicants also indicate that claims 1, 3-5, 8, 9, 18, 27-30, 33-38, 45-47, and 49-54 read on this species.

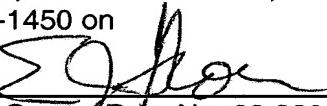
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